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MERGER OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN

Algeria**: draft resolution

Merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/111 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly emphasized that the ultimate goal of restructuring should be to strengthen the programmes for the advancement of women and to enhance the efficiency of the work of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women, in function, structure and cost-effectiveness,

Recalling also that, in resolution 48/111, the Assembly requested, inter alia, the Secretary-General, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in accordance with rule 157 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 a report on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women,

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* E/1994/121.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fourteenth session, 1/

Having also considered the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/111, 2/

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 3/ pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 48/111, in which inter alia, the Committee recommended that the proposed merger be considered at the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in 1995,

Taking into consideration that, in paragraph 2 of resolution 48/111, the Assembly urged that the interaction between the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Secretariat, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women be reviewed and rationalized within the context of ongoing efforts to revitalize the Economic and Social Council in pursuance of a stronger, more unified programme for the advancement of women,

Recognizing that the Commission on the Status of Women is the preparatory body for the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Taking into consideration that the upcoming Fourth World Conference on Women will study and make recommendations on the international institutional arrangements for the advancement of women within the United Nations system,

Emphasizing that the advancement of women should be an integral part of the economic and social development process within the main global issues, such as women's participation in the peace process, in national and international governance, sustainable development and gender equality,

Taking into account that the World Conference on Human Rights, in its Declaration and Programme of Action, 4/ reaffirmed the human rights of women as inalienable and an integral and indivisible part of universal human rights, and that the full and equal participation of women in political, civil, economic,

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1/ E/1994/68 and Corr.1.

2/ A/49/217-E/1994/103.

3/ A/49/365-E/1994/119.

4/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

social and cultural life, at the national, regional and international levels, and the eradication of all forms of discrimination on grounds of sex are priority objectives of the international community,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/111;

2. Also takes note of the questions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 3/ and its conclusion that further studies were necessary before a definite decision could be made on the question of the proposed merger;

3. Urges the Secretary-General to appoint, as expeditiously as possible, a Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, which will allow the Institute to carry out its mandates and make meaningful contributions to the preparatory process of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, as requested in General Assembly resolution 48/105 of 20 December 1993;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Commission on the Status of Women with all relevant information about the proposed merger for its consideration under the chapter on institutional arrangements of the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to submit to the Economic and Social Council, an updated report which would contain inter alia, the information requested in paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 48/111, the additional information requested by the Advisory Committee and the recommendations emanating from the review to be made by the Fourth World Conference on Women of the institutional arrangements for the advancement of women within the United Nations system.